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## Town Meeting Voters Elect New Selectman, School Committee Member

(Lamoine) — With a very high voter turnout in an election that coincided with the Presidential Primary, Lamoine voters elected S. Josephine Cooper as a Selectman, Tammy Dickey and Anne Gommel to the school board, and returned Colene Sharkey as Assessor and Hubene Brodie as Town Clerk/Tax Collector.

The race for Selectman was one of the most spirited in the past many years as four candidates filed papers to appear on the ballot. Cooper, a Thaddeus Lane resident, defeated incumbent Richard Davis by 8-votes, 187 to 179. David Herick was favored by 48 voters, and Thomas Barr by 16 voters.

The School Committee race saw incumbent Hancock "Griff" Fenton topped by Tammy Dickey who received 296 votes and incumbent Anne Gommel who picked up 191 votes. Fenton received 156 votes and Jonathan Morren was favored by 145 voters.

## Gas Tanks Rejected by Town Boards

(Lamoine) — The town's Planning Board has turned down a proposal from the owner of the Lamoine General Store to install gasoline tanks and pumps at the store. In a 3-to-2 vote in February, the Board told owner Ed Ciampa the tanks pose too great a risk to the underground water supply which runs beneath the store. The Planning Board also said that despite finding Mr. Ciampa's application complete, some items they had requested were not submitted.

The case was immediately appealed to the Lamoine Board of Appeals. On the last day of February, more than 60 people over-flowed into the town office, filling even an extra 25-seats loaned from the school department. Four hours of testimony from lawyers and geologists filled the evening as the Board tried to determine whether the Planning Board had acted properly in rejecting the application.

A newly formed group called the Lamoine Community Association was represented by attorney Dale Worthen. The group opposed placement of gas tanks and pumps over an aquifer and hired two geologists to state their case. A geologist was also hired by Mr. Ciampa

Mrs. Sharkey picked up 342 votes running unopposed for the Assessor's post, and Mrs. Brodie collected 409 votes in her unopposed election as Town Clerk/Tax Collector.

Mrs. Cooper took office on March 9th and Mrs. Dickey takes office on April 3rd, the next regular school board meeting.

A total of 454 ballots were cast in the election that was held on Presidential Primary Day, or a 43.28% turnout, much higher than the state average.

On the presidential ticket in Lamoine, Democrats favored Bill Bradley to Al Gore 75 to 49, and Republicans selected George W. Bush over John McCain in a 117 to 94 vote. Both McCain & Bradley dropped out afterwards. 231 Republicans (55%) and 136 Democrats (57%) cast votes, while 87 unenrolled voters cast ballots in the town meeting elections.

and testified that the groundwater would tend to flow toward the store. He estimated any above ground leak would migrate about 100 feet from the store's property in the underground water. The opponent's geologists, disagreed, stating any leaks could migrate a quarter mile from the source.

Both sides agreed the biggest threat was not the underground tanks, but spills from filling cars or from the gas tanker trucks filling the underground tanks. Mr. Ciampa's attorney, Tony Giunta, said the threat is not any greater than a person filling a lawn mower and having the gas leak onto the ground. Mr. Worthen countered that the risk was too great to the aquifer and pointed to the Comprehensive Plan which refers to aquifer protection in several locations. During the Appeal Board hearing, Mr. Ciampa's proposal switched from a suction system to a pressurized system.

In the end, the Board of Appeals voted 4-to-1 to uphold the decision of the Planning Board, and deny the application for gas tanks and pumps. Mr. Ciampa can either appeal to Superior Court, or reapply to the Planning Board with a different application.

## Property Taxes Likely To Rise After Town Meeting Votes

(Lamoine) — Property tax payers can expect a bill approximately 17% higher for the 2000/2001 tax year following the budget votes at this year's town meeting. A variety of factors will cause the projected increase to 10.8 mills (\$10.80 per \$1000 valuation). A number of factors may bring the rate down, slightly.

The biggest factor was less revenue from the school department side of the budget. The town meeting approved of using all the balance forward normally applied to the next year's budget to offset projected shortfalls for the current year budget. Those shortfalls are blamed on increased personnel costs thanks to the new teacher contract and special education. General purpose aid to education from the State is expected to drop by \$35,000 as well. In all, the revenue from sources other than real estate tax fell by 10-percent from the current fiscal year.

Expenditures, on the other hand, rose sharply, especially in education and the County tax. Expenditures for education rose by 6.5%, or \$96,000. The County Tax assessment is up 17.09%, or \$8,275. The rest of the expenditure budget fell nearly \$26,000.

Some of the highlights of town meeting included retention of the requirement that budget articles be written in open-ended fashion (see page 2). Two agencies that receive contributions but did not submit their requests to the budget committee in time were funded on the floor of town meeting. Both Maine Coast Memorial Hospital and Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry will receive \$600 each.

Voters approved of a technology plan for the Lamoine School which will add a number of new personal computers to the school for \$26,080.

The factors that could reduce the tax rate include a better than expected assessment thanks to new building projects and a possible upward adjustment in state aid to education and municipal revenue sharing thanks to the large state surplus. The rate will be set in the summer.

## Voters say "Yes" to uncapped articles

(Lamoine) — In a turnout unprecedented in recent memory, nearly 200 voters rejected an attempt to return the ability of the Selectmen to write articles with capped budget amounts. The measure was the first open town meeting article to be dealt with, and many said that's what drew them to attend the annual open town meeting on Wednesday evening, March 8th.

The debate was lively in response to the article which would have overturned a referendum vote that passed last November by a 304-to-300 margin. The show of hands at open town meeting was by a much wider margin, and did not require a physical count by Moderator Harvey Kelley.

Proponents of the uncapped article question said they felt it was a matter of keeping the power in the hands of those who attend the town meeting. By having the articles uncapped, voters can either raise or lower the budget committee's recommenda-

tion on a budget article. When the Selectmen choose to write the articles with caps in place, the amount may only be lowered.

Selectman chair Glenn Crawford argued in favor of repealing the order passed by voters last November. Mr. Crawford said the authority of the Selectmen should not be taken away. He said the voters should replace those who hold the office instead.

The arguments were similar to those made at the public hearing prior to the referendum vote last November and speak to where the authority to set the budget ought to lay. The vote, strongly in favor of keeping uncapped articles, would indicate that those who attend the town meeting feel the responsibility to set the budget rests with the voters, while looking to the Selectmen, School Committee and Budget Committee for guidance.

## Fire Chief says thanks, but "no" to raise!

(Lamoine) — One of the more amusing moments of the annual open town meeting was an attempt by School Committee member Kathy Stanley to double the salary of fire chief George "Skip" Smith. With his wife tugging on his arm to stop him from arguing for the \$1,000 raise, Chief Smith said he did not want the increase which would be way out of line with other salary increases among appointed officials. Despite the fire chief's argument, voters amended the article to increase his pay anyway.

Chief Smith then moved to reconsider the amendment to the budget article, and was backed by those left at the meeting. Upon persuasive argument from the chief that his salary remain at \$1,000, the voters opted to vote down the amendment and keep the chief's salary the same as the current year.

Chief Smith did call on the Selectmen to sit down with him in the upcoming year to discuss adequate funding for the fire truck reserve fund. \$5,000 was added to the fund for the coming year.

## What about the routine articles?

(Lamoine) — With so many new voters at the open town meeting, and a highly controversial article to start things out, even the routine was anything but mundane at town meeting 2000. The tax due date on

October 31st passed as usual, but not before a question about why the interest rate on unpaid taxes increases to 10.75% (answer: that's the state maximum rate). The article to sell gravel from the town gravel stocks brought a lively discussion on whether residents should be able to get gravel for their own use. (They cannot — while it may be a small amount for most, at least two major contractors are residents and it could create quite a precedent, and safety issues were the other concern). Even the article to let the town dispose of items worth less than \$1,000 had questions. Town Administrative Assistant Stu Marckoon pointed out it's the "throw out

the trash article, and noted some things disposed of went to the firemen's auction last summer.

One of the bigger questions came on use of funds the town gets back from

snowmobile registrations which are given to the Frenchman Bay Riders Snowmobile Club for trail maintenance. It amounts to about \$300 annually, but questions were raised about liability if there is an accident on the trails.

The final article on the warrant also generated some discussion. Harbor Master Bill Pinkham saw his amendment approved to allow for expenditure of up to half of the Harbor Fund for improvements as suggested by Friends of Lamoine State Park. Mr. Pinkham argued the other half should be held in reserve to protect against any major catastrophe at the Harbor.

## Suit Threatened

(Lamoine) — Property owner John Burns who lost a federal civil rights suit against the town has threatened to sue the town again for failure to issue a building permit for his property on Meadow Point. The Code Enforcement Officer has asked for more information regarding where the flood zone is located in relation to the proposed building, but has not yet been provided with the complete information. Until the information is received, the CEO is unable to act on the permit request.

## Budget Committee Member Resigns

(Lamoine) — Budget Committee member George Crawford's resignation was accepted by the Board of Selectmen with regret on March 9th. Mr. Crawford had served one full term and had started his second term on the committee which makes recommendations to the Lamoine Town Meeting. No replacement on the five member committee was immediately appointed by the Selectmen, though a few people have expressed interest.

## Shore Rd. Subdivision Approved

(Lamoine) — The Lamoine Planning Board has approved a four unit land subdivision on Shore Road from plans submitted by SARJOY, Inc. of Ellsworth. The company's principal owner is Steve Joy who presented the plan to the Board at its regular meeting in March.

SARJOY purchased half the lot formerly owned by Lawrence Collier, and is subdividing it's half only. Lots range from a little over an acre to an 8-acre parcel along the shorefront. A

building permit has already been issued for the shorefront lot.

During the public hearing prior to approval, neighbors said they had concerns about run-off from the new lots encroaching onto their land. The Planning Board apparently felt comfortable that resulting run-off would be dealt with adequately. The Board also stipulated that the road into the subdivision be built up to standards outlined in the Building and Land Use Ordinance. The vote to approve the application was unanimous.

## Inspection complaint spurs changes in Building Permit Tracking

(Lamoine) — A Cove Road couple might feel like they're starring in a remake of the movie "The Money Pit". Michael & Susan Scott built a new home in the subdivision off Lamoine Beach, and have had their share of troubles with various contractors. They also managed to obtain a certificate of occupancy issued by the Code Enforcement Officer before she had looked over all aspects of the project that require inspection. It turned out neither the Scott's, nor the plumber hired by their contractor, had bothered to apply for an internal plumbing permit which would have triggered an inspection of the plumbing prior to the certificate of occupancy.

An inspection of the plumbing by neighbor Terry Towne, the former plumbing inspector for Mt. Desert, turned up several serious plumbing violations that would have been caught had Lamoine's plumbing inspector been called to inspect the pipes. Mr. Towne and the Scotts filed several complaints with the State of Maine and the Lamoine Selectmen concerning the oversight. The State sent an inspector to the house who agreed that

many violations existed in the plumbing and heating (which is not inspected at the town level), and the plumber who failed to obtain a permit is likely to be in big trouble.

The Selectmen and Code Enforcement Officer have worked to devise a checklist to help ensure this doesn't happen again on any project. The list will be attached to each permit application, and all areas must be effectively dealt with or not applicable to the project before the occupancy certificate is issued.

The Selectmen have also strongly encouraged the CEO to seek expert help when things don't look quite right on building inspections. It was noted the CEO is not an expert plumber, site evaluator, carpenter, electrician, but is expected to pass judgment on the work of such professionals in the line of building inspections. If expert help is requested by the CEO because the work may not be done by licensed professionals, the permit holder should be notified in advance that it will be at their expense, and that it will increase the amount of time it takes to issue the occupancy certificate.

## Agreement reached on illegal deck

(Lamoine) — Linden Lane resident Lynn Tscheiller and the Selectmen have agreed to abide by an upcoming survey (at her expense) as to how much of a deck should be allowed on her home. The Board of Appeals denied a variance requested by Ms. Tscheiller as the deck was too close to the 25-foot setback of an abutting property owner.

The Selectmen then ordered removal of the portion of the deck in apparent violation of the setback requirement. The problem is, no one seems to know exactly where the abutting property line sits in relation to the deck.

Meeting with the Selectmen in February, Ms. Tscheiller agreed to hire an Ellsworth surveying company to locate the line, and to remove the offending portion of deck to comply with local ordinance. The deck was added to her new home as an afterthought and without a building permit last summer. A complaint from another potential abutting landowner prompted the action. The Selectmen and Appeals Board realize it was an oversight on Ms. Tscheiller and her contractor's part and have not imposed any fines.

## New Railings Installed at Town Hall

(Lamoine) — Folks entering the town hall will have something a lot more sturdy to hold on to. New stainless steel railings now adorn the steps and the ramp at the Town Hall. They were installed by C & C Machine Shop, which is owned by Selectman Chair Glenn Crawford. The contractor for the project was Bangor Steel Company.

The Selectmen had set aside \$1,500 from the previous year's budget for the railings after discovering the old aluminum railings were in flimsy condition. The full bill came to \$4,250 and will come from the administration account for town hall repairs.

## Where did the sign go?

(Lamoine) — The Town Hall sign is missing in action, thanks to an icy parking lot and a heavy snowfall. It should return once the ground thaws in the spring.

The plowing crew was clearing the parking lot of snow when the loader operator scooped up a bucket-full, hit

the brakes, but kept on going. It broke one of the upright posts of the sign. A strong wind completed the task of bringing the rest of the sign down for the remainder of the winter. The sign itself was undamaged and stored off site and cleaned up until the posts could be repaired by the Richard King, Inc. crew.

## Town survives Y2K with no glitches

(Lamoine) — The changeover to the year 2000 came and went without so much as a computerized whimper. The only effect noticed in the town office computer system is that the date on incoming phone calls answered by the computer answering machine is no longer correctly displayed. The rest of the computer programs were tested and

upgraded as needed prior to the changeover. While transfer switches were added to the public buildings in town in case of a long-term massive power outage, they have yet to be put into use for other than testing and training. An outage on March 9th just before a Selectman's meeting nearly brought out the generators, but power was restored before the hookup was made.

## Policies refined on pre-meeting materials, minutes

(Lamoine) — Every now and then people like to know the inside scoop about what will take place at various meetings, and to the extent it is public information, there is no problem sharing such information. The Selectmen have stated a copy of their in-

formation packet delivered before the meeting is available for public inspection at the town hall. Persons who want copies must pay 25-cents per page. Candidates for the office are provided a courtesy copy of the packet until election time.

Minutes typed up prior to board meetings but not formally approved may be provided, with the understanding they are in draft form only, awaiting approval. If you have questions, contact the town office.

## Gravel Pit Operator approved for limited nighttime excavation

(Lamoine) — The Lamoine Planning Board gave special approval to nighttime gravel excavation to pit operator Jay Fowler of Lamoine. The approval has some strict limitations. Mr. Fowler can only extract gravel from the pit owned by Aubrey Davis located off Partridge Cove Road, and only during the time in which the roads are posted. He can only haul the material at night time during those nights the roads are solidly frozen. The approval did not lift the posting on the state roads. The town did not restrict loads on the local roads this year, in the belief that by having the state roads

posted, the situation would isolate the town roads from heavy truck traffic.

Several competing contractors have contacted the town office concerning the night hauling permit issued by the planning board. It was explained the permit was only for Mr. Fowler, but any contractor is free to contact the planning board to ask for a similar permit during the posted roads season. For many contractors, the posting of roads in Lamoine eliminates the only source of some types of gravel to use on projects, putting severe limitations on income and backing up projects headed into the busy building season.

## Few Permits Issued

As is usual for the winter months, very few building permits were issued in Lamoine. As of late March, the Code Enforcement Officer had issued four permits as follows:

#	Name	Type
00-01	John Patten	Shed
00-02	John Larson	Home/Barn
00-03	Christina Heiniger	Porch
00-04	Carl Wilson	Addition

The Code Enforcement Officer is regularly in the Town Office on Tuesdays from 10AM to Noon. She can be reached at home at other times during the week to arrange for inspections or appointments regarding building permits.

## Winter Parking Ban Nixed...for now

(Lamoine) — Generally there is not a lot of congestion on the roads of Lamoine, even in the winter. All homes, by law, have off-road parking available and especially during storms, people are very conscientious about not parking in the way of snow plows.

Some Birchlawn Drive residents complained about a large tractor-trailer

truck that parked alongside the road, blocking a lane from snow removal, and created a visibility problem. Though the town has some limited parking restrictions, it does not have a specific law, yet, to allow for towing in such cases. The Selectmen declined to enact such a law after the road commissioner spoke to the offending truck owner who said he would correct things.

## DEP asks for local testing to resume at closed landfill

*Costs could run \$7,000 per year!*

(Lamoine) — The Maine Department of Environmental Protection has written to the town to ask that local taxpayers foot the bill for water testing around the former landfill off Douglas Highway. The DEP estimated a resumption of the full water testing program could cost \$7,000 per year, more than double what's been budgeted in the past few years.

The town initially began testing the water at four residences located down gradient from the landfill which had been closed and capped in 1995. The tests were done quarterly for a while, then the state installed its own wells close to the perimeter of the dump in 1999 and conducted its own tests.

The letter from the DEP asks the town to resume the residential well testing and to pick up the cost of sampling water from the wells, which is where the big expense is likely to be incurred. The letter also noted that some rodent holes have been spotted inside the fence that surrounds the closed landfill. The inhabitants will have to be exterminated and the holes filled to keep the dump's cap intact.

The Selectmen have asked to meet with representatives of the DEP in the coming months to come to some sort of agreement on the water monitoring program. Test results have turned up some toxic materials but in miniscule amounts.

## Cardboard recycling standards upgraded

(Lamoine) — The folks who process Lamoine's recycling have asked that only corrugated cardboard be included in the materials placed in the big dumpsters inside the cardboard recycling building. Many years ago, the town had accepted box-board material, such as cereal boxes. That material is no longer acceptable in the cardboard mix, as it degrades the quality of material.

According to the Maine Resource Recovery Association, cardboard is now fetching up to \$105/ton. When it is degraded to the mixed paper level, the cardboard only brings in \$36/ton, or is essentially a break even proposition for the town.

In the recycling figures presented to the state this year, the town estimated the amount of cardboard it recycles because accurate weight recordings were not kept by the Sawyer company which hauls it away. With that estimate, the town is likely to see a significant increase in the percentage of material recycled, as it was not included in past years.

## Plastics Cleaned Up

(Lamoine) — A change in the way plastic materials are recycled has improved the quality sent to the Bangor Recycle Center markedly. Instead of having the public throw the material directly into the roll-off containers, plastics are placed into a 55-gallon bin, then sorted by the attendant. That assures that only the proper material is sent, and the load is not rejected by contaminated materials.

## Hazardous Waste Cleanup Planned

(Ellsworth) — The Hancock County Planning Commission is planning to collect household hazardous waste this spring. The collection takes place on May 20th at the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Office on Boggy Brook Road in Ellsworth. Lamoine is not a sponsor, but residents who wish to dispose of hazardous materials may pay their own way for disposal at site. Contact the Planning Commission 667-7131.



*Engine 403, the 1958 American LaFrance, will remain with the Lamoine Fire Department.*

## Fire Department opts to keep truck

(Lamoine) — Engine 403 is out of active firefighting service, but the 1958 American LaFrance purchased by the Volunteer Fire Department in 1984 will stay in town for a while. The department advertised for bids in the winter, and received only two, the highest being slightly more than \$1,700 from an Ellsworth used car dealer.

The department voted unanimously to keep the truck in the fleet for use during parades and other such occasions, and perhaps look for a small fire department that could use it. The truck

was taken out of service in the summer of 1999 when the town purchased a 1975 American LaFrance pumper from a fire department near Chicago. The '58 LaFrance was purchased with donations and other money raised by fire department members and donated to the town's fleet in the 80's. At the time, it was one of the most powerful pumper trucks in this part of Hancock County, but time had taken its toll. To qualify for insurance underwriting, it was determined the '58 La-

France would need a major overhaul, including a diesel engine and a tank replacement. Even with the overhaul, the town would still have a 42-year old fire truck in which it had sunk a lot of money.

The town voted a year ago to purchase the new truck, with proceeds of the sale of the old truck to help offset the equipping costs of the '75 LaFrance. The Fire Department sent the town a check for just under \$1,100 to cover the deficit from the equipping for the 1998/99 budget. More equipment and maintenance on the newer truck after July 1st, 1999 have been appropriated from the 1999/2000 fire department budget, and has caused the fire department to put off some spending in order to cover the unexpected costs.



## Last Call for Dog Licenses

*Save \$10 Now!*

(Lamoine) — Despite reminder letters and phone calls, about 20 people have still not licensed their pet dogs. The Selectmen in early April will issue a warrant to the Animal Control Officer to personally deliver a warning to license the dogs or face a court summons. A \$10 warrant fee per dog will be charged after delivery.

Under state law, dogs must be licensed each year. Proof of vaccination against rabies is required at the time of registration. Several rabies clinics have been set up in the area, a list is available at the town hall and Small Animal Clinic.

Those people who no longer have their dogs are asked to let the town office know so the animal can be removed from the records.

## Stray Rottweiler traps family in home

(Lamoine) — A rottweiler running at large took interest in Cheryl Curtis's female dog in February, so much so, the family was unable to leave the house in fears that it would be attacked. Mrs. Curtis called the state police and town office to get help. The day before, animal control officer Harry Lounder had undergone back surgery, so Bryant Poors, the ACO for Hancock was called in.

Before Mr. Poors arrival, the town's administrative assistant arrived and safely picked up two children and drove them to school, then returned and coaxed the dog into his pickup truck. Mr. Poors was able to get the dog into a cage and transport it to the Small Animal Clinic in Ellsworth until the owner could reclaim it. The owner lives in the Birchhaven trailer park, on the Hancock side of the town line. No one was injured in the incident.

## Deputy Dog Officer Named.

(Lamoine) — Bryant Poors, a well known trapper and former deputy Animal Control Officer for Lamoine has agreed to serve again in that capacity. Mr. Poors

lives in Township #8 and fills in when ACO Harry Lounder is not available. Mr. Poors has handled several wild animal complaints in recent months.

## Restricted Burning Takes Effect

(Lamoine) — With the state expecting a potentially dangerous forest fire season thanks to the 1998 ice storm, some burning restrictions took effect on April 1, 2000. Fire Chief George "Skip" Smith says burning permits will be restricted to before 9:00 AM and after 5:00 PM through the summer months, unless it is raining. There may be periods when burning is not allowed at any time because of the fire danger.

The forest service says trees killed by the ice storm have dried to the point that they have littered the forest floor creating a lot of potential fuel in a forest fire. Chief Smith is working on a flyer to accompany all burn permits to explain the restrictions.

Burning permits must be obtained before kindling any open fire. They are available from Chief Smith, Deputy Fire Warden Jim Hunnewell, or at the Town Office.

## Few Winter Fire Calls

(Lamoine) — Lamoine residents burned wood safely during the winter. Only two chimney fires were reported since the first of the year, one at an apartment building on Douglas Highway, the other on Great Ledge Road. Neither did any significant damage to the chimney or the building and were dealt with quickly and efficiently by firefighters.

The only other calls to come in were a false alarm caused by a child who grabbed the pull-station at the Lamoine Baptist Church, and a report of a carbon monoxide detector activated at a Douglas Highway home. A check with a gas monitor from the Ellsworth Fire Department found no evidence of the odorless, colorless gas. A Shore Road resident called for help when his sump pump failed and the cellar filled with water. A crew pumped out the cellar while the man's plumber installed a new pump.

Lamoine did sent manpower and equipment to Hancock for an apartment house fire in January. The building on Route 1 sustained significant damage and is in the process of being demolished. Several firefighters got a chance to use their training by donning airpicks, going into the burning home, and putting out fire with a number of mutual aid crews. No injuries were reported in the early morning blaze in January.

## Tax Acquired Property Brings High Bids

(Lamoine) — A piece of land located on Lamoine Beach Road and acquired for non payment of taxes by the town in December was sold at auction for just over \$24,700 to an abutting landowner. Eugene and Doris DesIsles of Bangor submitted the winning bid at a Selectman's meeting in February. The property formerly belonged to Harold Windish of Connecticut who opted not to pay back taxes of approximately \$900. The land was valued on the town books for about \$16,400. A quit-claim deed was issued to the DesIsles by the Selectmen in late March, in time to put the property back on the books for the 2000 assessment.

The town received bids as follows:

Janet Mullen,	\$ 1,400
William & Trudy Curran	\$10,600
Merrill Davis	\$11,700
David Dennison	\$10,353
Gene Colley	\$ 9,000
Enid Neleski	\$17,251
Doris DesIsles	\$24,756.50
David Ashmore	\$17,500
Stu & Bonnie Marckoon	\$10,007
Winfred Stevens	\$ 2,350
Richard Davis Sr.	\$12,501
George Donovan	\$ 7,600

A higher bid from a woman in Texas was received, but was not accompanied by a cashier's check as specified in the advertisement for bids and was therefore disqualified by the Selectmen.

The property sells as is with no warranties from the town regarding title or house lot suitability.

## State accepts towns valuation

(Augusta) — After some last minute scrambling by our state legislative delegation, the State Property Tax Division has settled on a lower state valuation for Lamoine. Initially, the valuation was planned for \$106.3 million. But a field audit by the State showed that they had counted Lamoine's homestead exemptions twice in their calculations. The proper valuation should be \$103 million.

Armed with that information, the Selectmen filed an appeal with the Property Tax Review Board after the September 1st deadline had long passed. The appeal was denied because it was too late. Representative Bill Pinkham and Senator Jill Goldthwait crafted emergency legislation and it was ready to pass when the Property Tax Division announced it would adjust the valuation to the proper level.

## Where Have All The Students Gone?

(Lamoine) — The headline is a question the teachers at the Lamoine Consolidated School asked themselves recently. Third Grade teacher Debbie Day did some research to find out what the graduates from the Lamoine School have done in the past few years.

Of the 68 who graduated from high school, 57-percent have gone on to higher education. Thirty-two were in college, 7 attended technical schools, two remained in high school to further their education on that level, and one is deceased.

Colleges attended include Brown, George Washington, Bates, Northeastern, U-Maine (Orono, Southern Maine, Farmington, Augusta & Machias), Maine Maritime, Lyndon State, Drexel, Western New England, EMTC and the school of Visual Arts. They participate in activities such as crew, basketball, baseball, golf, indoor track, soccer, wrestling, theater, band (symphonic, jazz, pep) and University Singers.

Of the Lamoine Consolidated Graduates between 1996 and 1999, 35 are presently enrolled in MDI High School, and 26 are enrolled at Ellsworth High School. A very high percentage (66-percent) take part in extra curricular activities.

At MDI, an all conference football player, the sailing team captains, Senior Class President, boys and girls basketball captains, all-PVC soccer & basketball players, members of the civil rights team, the state champion jazz band, National Honor Society, a National Merit Scholar and key members of the drama club are from Lamoine.

At Ellsworth High, Lamoine students excel on the civil rights team, Close-Up, National Honor Society, wrestling, basketball, baseball, indoor track, golf, all-PVC golf, the runner up Girl's High School Golf Champion, drama, and are in the state champion Show Choir.

Mrs. Day is currently preparing a mailer to go to all Lamoine graduates presently in high school to get further information regarding extra curricular activities, the honor roll, their college plans and acceptances. Grads can look for those soon. Our thanks for the positive info about "Our" kids.

## Patrons Look for School Volunteers

(Lamoine) — The Lamoine Consolidated School Patrons are looking for help, thoughts and ideas to make the school the best it can be. The group inserted a flyer in each town report delivered in March. Supplies and volunteers are still needed.

The group thanks Lorimer Road residents Fred and Dione Hutchinson for a generous donation. It will help purchase books for the school library that will be of interest and educational for older students. To help, please contact the Lamoine School at 667-8578.

## Art Show Reminder

(Lamoine)— All Lamoine residents are invited to show their art work on Saturday, August 5, 2000 on the lawn of the Lamoine Historical Society. No judges, juries or fees for displaying your work. If you paint, draw, carve, take beautiful photographs, make pottery, or whatever art you do, bring it along with a way to display it at the first Annual Lamoine Art Show. Phone Joan Bragdon at 667-7956 or Mascha Litten at 667-8465 to talk more about it.

## Cable TV talks to start soon

(Lamoine) — Plans to re-negotiate the cable television franchise agreements with several communities will take shape in May as at least a half dozen towns will sit down to talk. Lamoine, Hancock and Sullivan share a common cable TV system, and the three towns have spearheaded the effort to bring towns faced with agreement expirations together to negotiate a contract in common. Most of the other towns involved deal with Adelphia Corporation. Lamoine town attorney Tony Beardsley has agreed to meet with the three towns and Franklin, Trenton, Mt. Desert, Winter Harbor and Surry who have indicated they're interested in the common negotiations.

## New Appeals Board Member

(Lamoine) — Melody Havey, a lawyer living on Partridge Cove Road, has joined the Board of Appeals as an alternate member. In January, Ms. Havey replaced Dexter "Pete" Briggs who resigned as the alternate member late last year.

## A Busy Election Day

## Two Babies Born to Lamoine Parents



(Above) — Young Keith Eaton sleeps while his mom cast her ballots in the Town Meeting Election on March 7th.

(Right) — Ed, Penelope & Lilly Ciampa check in with ballot clerk Joan Broussard. The voters on two feet were on the list, but alas, Lilly was not given an official ballot.

Photos by Hubene Brodie, Town Clerk



(Lamoine) — Congratulations to a pair of families who've added members since the last edition of the Quarterly. On January 31st, **Chance LuRay Closson** was born at Maine Coast Memorial Hospital in Ellsworth. His parents are Nena and Christopher Closson, and their new home is located on the Shore Road.

**Samuel Allen MacLelland** was born at his home on Lamoine Beach Road on December 27th, 1999. Mom and Dad

are April and John MacLelland.

An update on **Cameron Allen Grant** who was born in November to Stacey Covey. He arrived a bit early, but things are looking good. Cameron is home now, after weighing in at birth at 1 pound, 6-ounces! Cameron spent nearly 3-months in the pediatric ICU at Eastern Maine Medical Center in Bangor and made fine progress. He's now up to nearly 7-pounds as of late March and has been home with his mom and grandparents for nearly a month.

## Mooring renewals due

(Lamoine) — A reminder to all mooring permit holders that renewal fees are due by May 15th. Harbor Master Bill Pinkham has added 10 more sites for the upcoming season, bringing the number of available moorings off Lamoine State Park to 60. There is still a short waiting list as of late March. Those not renewing by mid-May will be dropped from the list in favor of those on the waiting list. Contact the Harbor Master for more info.

## Meet your newly elected Selectman, School Committee Member

(Lamoine) — Josephine Cooper and Tammy Dickey are newly sworn in town officials, but they're well experienced in town affairs, behind the scenes, and have many things in common.

Jo lives with her husband of 23 years Donald and their four children John (4th grade), Lillian (2nd grade), and preschool twins Robert & Eric on Thaddeus Lane off Seal Point Road. A native of Mt. Desert Island, Jo has lived in Lamoine since 1977. She's the president of the Lamoine Historical Society, and very active in many school based activities including Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts. Jo was also on the 125th anniversary committee for the town in 1995. She's a graduate of Wellesley College with a masters degree in Medieval Scottish History. Prior to becoming a full time mom, she was the production manager for her family's textile business.

Politically, Jo would describe herself as middle-of-the-road and taking a long view of matters. She said she has always attended town meeting, even as a child in Town Hill, and had always planned to someday run for a Selectman's seat. She says she's come to accept the fact that the town is changing in terms of development and population and some of those changes can be positive for the community.

Jo says one of the issues that

prompted her to run was the capping of the town meeting budget articles by the Selectmen. She said she was opposed to overturning the November 1999 vote because she felt people were not being heard. She said she hopes to continue to take a long view of Lamoine, and her campaign was not on a single issue.

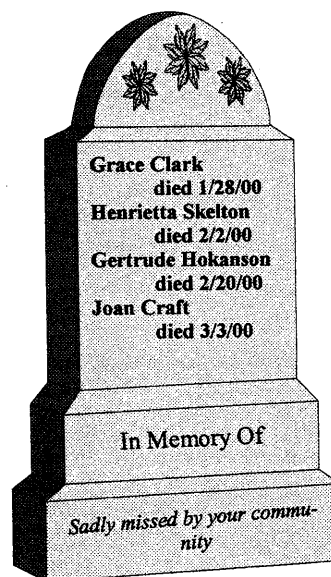
Tammy Dickey is another MDI native who's moved to Lamoine. She lives with her husband William on the Shore Road along with their two children Kirsten (6th grade) and Willy (2nd grade).

Tammy is the practice manager for Ellsworth Internal Medicine at the physicians building at Maine Coast Memorial Hospital. Prior to her run for school committee, she was president of the Lamoine School Patrons group, was one of the three founding members of Lamoine Community Cares, and she and her husband have been instrumental in the Ballfield Committee. She is a 1983 graduate of Husson College in Bangor.

Tammy said one of her goals is to adequately fund the schools and make sure the children are receiving an adequate education for the money that is spent. She said it is time to take a hard look at the physical plant at the school and come up with a plan to provide for the space needs of the students, faculty, and the community.

## School Library Open

(Lamoine) — The Lamoine School Library invites pre-schools and their grownups to enjoy the library and check out a book. Open library time at the school is daily from 8:30 AM to 9:30AM. They hope to see you soon!



# April 2000

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Wanted: People to serve on boards &amp; committees. Contact the Town Office, 667-2242!</b>						1
2	3-6:30 School Cmte. 7:00 Plan Board	4	5-7:00 Assessors	6-6:15 Selectmen 7:30 Fire Dept.	7	8
9	10	11	12	13-7:30 Fire Dept.	14	15
16	17-Office Closed, Patriot's Day School	18 Vacation Week All Week	19-7:00 Assessors Passover	20-6:15 Selectmen 7:30 Fire Dept.	21	22
23-Easter Sunday	24	25	26	27-7:30 Fire Dept.	28	29
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	1-6:30 School Cmte. 7:00 Planning Board	2	3-7:00 Assessors— Selectmen/Hancock	4-6:15 Selectmen 7:30 Fire Dept.	5	6
7	8	9	10	11—7:30 Fire Dept.	12	13
14-Mother's Day	15	16	17-7:00 Assessors	18-6:15 Selectmen 7:30 Fire Dept.	19	20
21	22	23	24	25-7:30 Fire Dept.	26	27
28	29-Office Closed for Memorial Day	30	31	<b>Website: <a href="http://home.acadia.net/govt/lamoine">home.acadia.net/govt/lamoine</a></b>		

# June 2000

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1-6:15 Selectmen 7:30 Fire Dept.	2	3
4	5-6:30 School Cmte. 7:00 Planning Board	6	7-7:00 Assessors	8-7:30 Fire Dept.	9	10
11	12	13-Election Day Vote 10AM—8PM	14	15-6:15 Selectmen 7:30 Fire Dept.	16	17
18-Father's Day	19	20	21-7:00 Assessors	22-7:30 Fire Dept.	23	24
25	26	27	28	29-6:15 Selectmen 7:30 Fire Dept.	30-Fiscal Year Ends	

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